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Today's Topics:

Morse Whiners

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Date: Wed, 9 Mar 1994 07:31:31 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
Subject: Morse Whiners
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <763139301snx@skyld.grendel.com> jangus@skyld.grendel.com (Jeffrey D. Angus) writes:

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>In article <CMC0BM.IAt@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu writes:

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> > Oh, I can think of one immediately: Any hobby you that you start off in
> > you would always look to the older, more knowledgeable members for
> > guidance; you would look up to these members as sort of role models
> > and experts in whose footsteps you should follow.

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> > Now, how have we heard the older members of the amateur community referred
> > to on here? ``Old Farts in their geezer mobiles'' - we've heard that expres-
> > sion not once or twice but dozens of times. I would say that's showing quite
> > a bit of disdain at the tradition of respect we owe to the senior members
> > of our hobby.

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> > And every couple of weeks on here or on .misc we hear folks making fun

> > of the content of the on-the-air QSOs between older members of the
> > hobby - I'd say that's showing a bit of disdain, also.
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> > I'm sure Ed can provide us with other examples.
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> > Jeff NH6IL
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> Oh, the old guys with the experience are out there all right, but they
> aren't out there as an advertised "online resource". Most of them (If you
> actually listen to their QSOs) are talking about their health or other
> aspects of their lives. Occasionally they will talk about something of a
> technical nature.

Ed mentioned that some newcomers show disdain at traditions and Dan (I believe) asked for an example. Now the content of someone's QSO and making fun of the content are two different things. What the seniors talk about and what the rest of us talk about is pretty much the same. But if you were to ask any of them about a technical matter (within their expertise) most would freely give of their vast knowledge; all you have to do is ask. So don't be disappointed that you don't hear QSOs consisting of nothing but technical matters - those guys know their stuff but they're not going to talk about it QSO after QSO after QSO after ...

<examples of QSO content deleted>

> Amateur radio operators are for the most part a good cross section of the
> population. Not an exclusive group of propeller heads that do nothing but
> eat-sleep-drink-think techno-whiz.

Not sure what this has to do with some showing disdain towards the seniors. And I'm not sure we're actually that good of a cross section of the population. The ARRL might have some data in regard to this (such as the average income and/or educational level of their members {oh, I know - who says their members are a cross section of the ham community}).

> Jeff (The original, not an imitation)

Jeff (The new and improved model) NH6IL

Date: Wed, 9 Mar 1994 08:04:44 GMT
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Subject : Re: Morse Whiners

In article <RFM.94Mar8101744@urth.eng.sun.com> rfm@urth.eng.sun.com (Richard McAllister) writes:

>In article <CM8JKo.Hq6@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeffrey Herman) writes:

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>>reasoning powers: One cannot change their race - I am Central Asian and
>>German - can't change that and wouldn't want to; but one can easily
>>change their class of license (it's called upgrading).

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>>You're not the first person to try to equate the pro-code stance with racism

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>So, since it's possible to change one's religion, you think discrimination
>on basis of religion is OK?

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>Rich

Rich, I don't think I'm going to enter into this, for I don't believe people change religion as frequently as they change their class of license. For the most part, the religion that one is born into is the religion one stays with for their lifetime [why wasn't I born an Extra? Phooey.] My father related to me that he has encountered discrimination in his lifetime due to his religion; but he'd never consider changing it. I believe your question is moot.

Besides, to what would you 'upgrade' your religion?

Oh, I meant to say that ``I am Central Asian and Caucasian'' - I *DO* know the difference between race and nationality...

Jeff NH6IL

[Hawaii weather update: 83 degrees today, 65 last night; ocean is still rather chilly: 74 degrees; NE tradewinds at 5-10 knots. Another boring day in paradise...]

Date: Wed, 9 Mar 1994 10:36:03 GMT

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Reply-To : gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman)

Subject : Re: Morse Whiners

In article <CMC0BM.IAt@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeffrey

Herman) writes:

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>of our hobby.

No one is **owed** respect, they have to **earn** the respect of their fellows
every day. Some older hams have not earned that respect due to their
behavior towards others. The same could, of course, be said about some
newer hams, but at least they have the excuse of youth and inexperience.

(Note: I've been licensed 31 years this month, that and 50 cents entitles
me to a cup of coffee, nothing more. It's what I **do** every day that determines
whether I deserve respect or not.)

Gary

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